

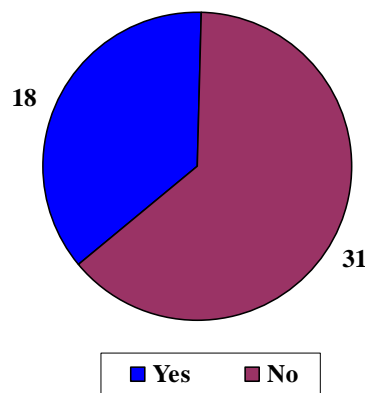


ASTHO Survey of State Pandemic Influenza Planning November 2005

In November 2005, ASTHO conducted a survey of the states to provide a point-in-time picture of the states' pandemic influenza planning status immediately prior to the release of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Pandemic Influenza Plan and to help identify additional state needs. ASTHO received 49 responses from 47 states, one territory, and the District of Columbia. State responses reflect activities as of November 1, 2005.

Has your state made plans to or actually begun to stockpile the antiviral Tamiflu?

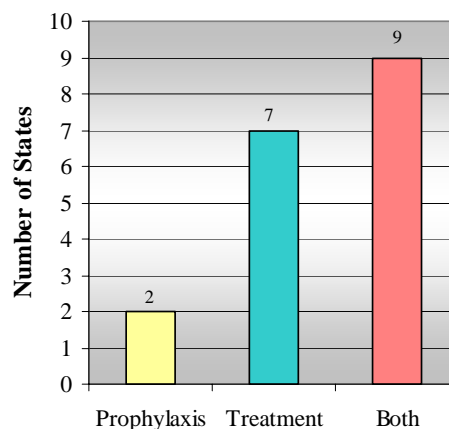
- Of 49 states that responded to this question, 18 (37% of respondents) answered that they have plans to or have actually begun to stockpile Tamiflu. Thirty-one states (63% of respondents) have not.



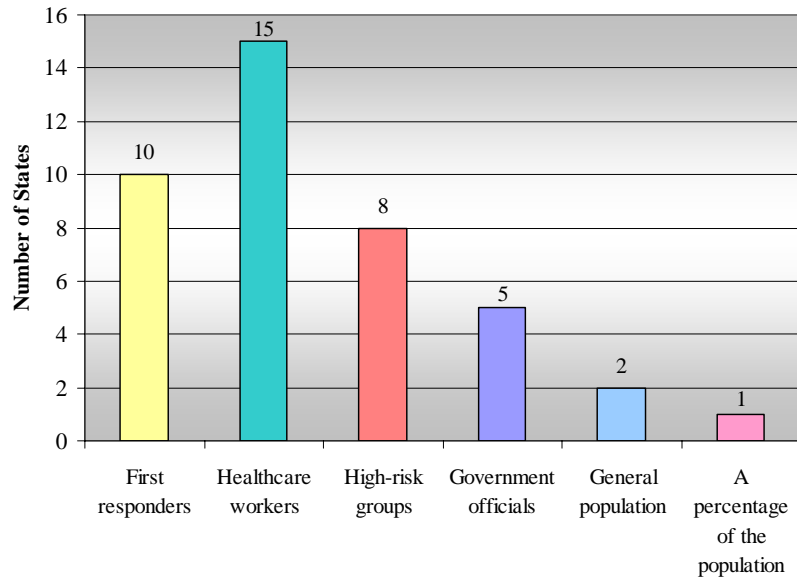
How many courses were planned or purchased as of November 1, 2005?

- Of the 18 states that have plans to or have begun to stockpile Tamiflu, nine indicated that they had already purchased courses, and nine indicated that they had not purchased any courses to date. These responses merit further investigation into the reasons why Tamiflu planned for purchase has not yet been purchased, such as a lack of Tamiflu supply or insufficient funding to purchase antiviral courses.

The 18 states that plan to or are already stockpiling Tamiflu plan to use stockpiled antivirals for the following purposes:

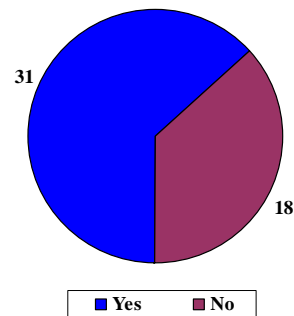


The 18 states that plan to or are already stockpiling Tamiflu were asked to indicate the population groups for which stockpiled antivirals would be used:

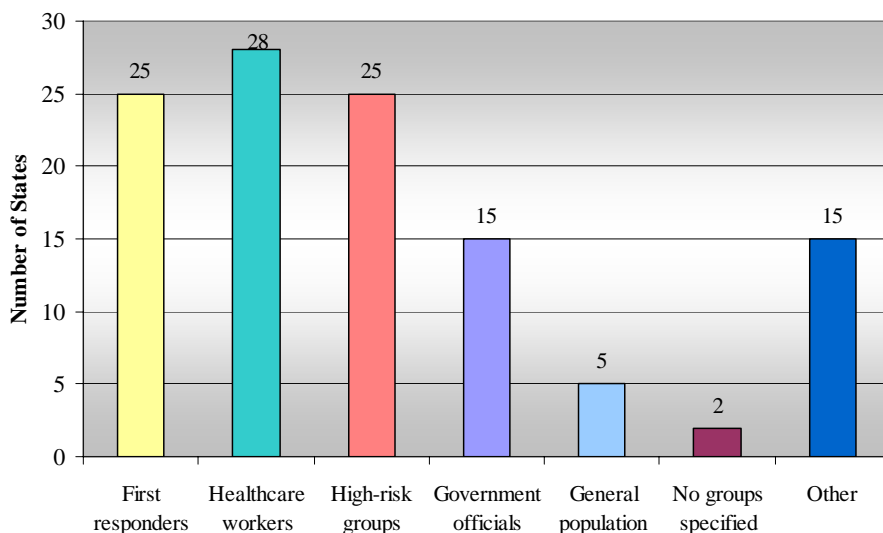


Does your state's pandemic plan include a prioritization scheme for distributing antivirals?

- Of the 49 states that responded to the survey, 31 (63% of respondents) have included an antiviral prioritization scheme in their pandemic plans. Eighteen states (37% of respondents) have not included this element in their plans.



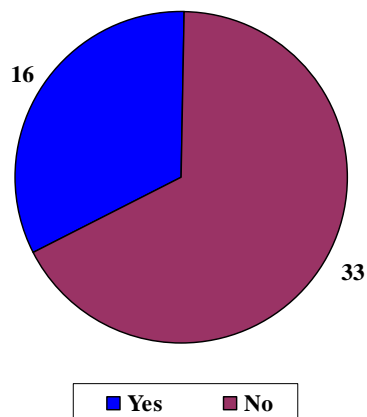
The 31 states that have included a prioritization scheme in their state pandemic plans have designated the following groups as priority recipients of antiviral supplies:



- Common responses for “other” indicated that the state scheme would mirror the federal scheme (4 respondents) or include essential service and public health personnel (4 respondents).

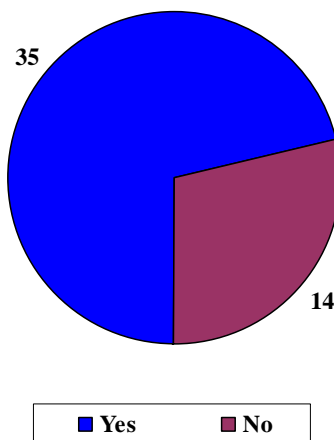
Has your state issued an advisory, recommendation, regulation, or other form of communication to healthcare providers in your state in regard to their providing prescriptions for Tamiflu to patients to have in their homes in case avian or some other pandemic influenza event should occur?

- Out of 49 states that responded, 16 states (33% of respondents) have issued such communication to healthcare providers, whereas 33 (67% of respondents) have issued no such communication.

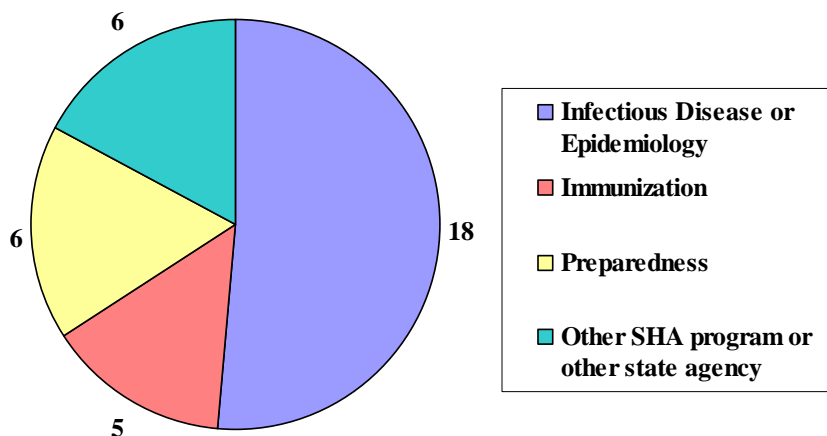


Has your state named an overall pandemic influenza coordinator?

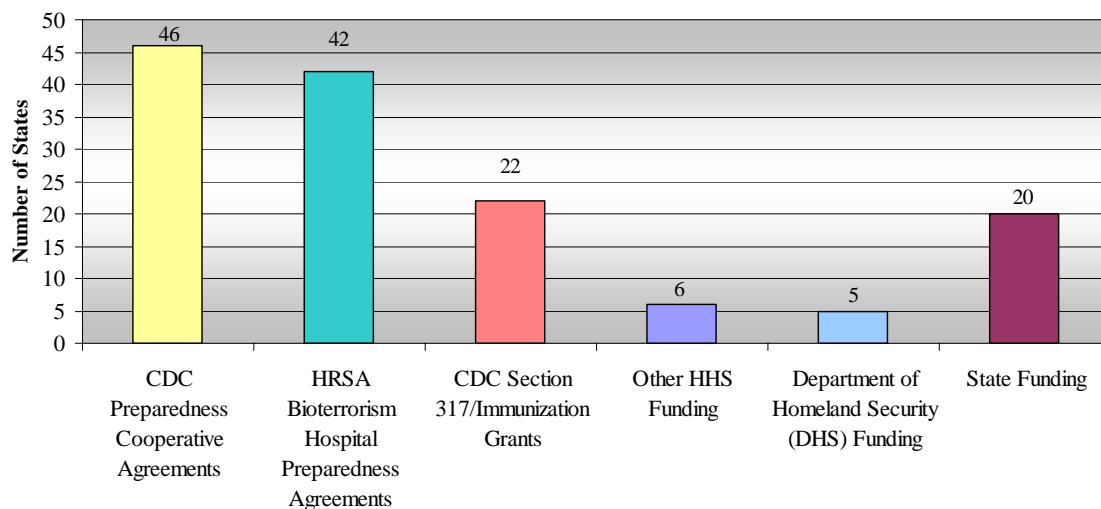
- Out of 49 states that responded, 35 states (71% of respondents) have named an overall pandemic influenza coordinator for their state, whereas 14 (29% of respondents) have not named a coordinator.



Of the 35 states that had named an overall pandemic influenza coordinator for their state, the coordinator's primary affiliation was with the following component of the State Health Agency (SHA):

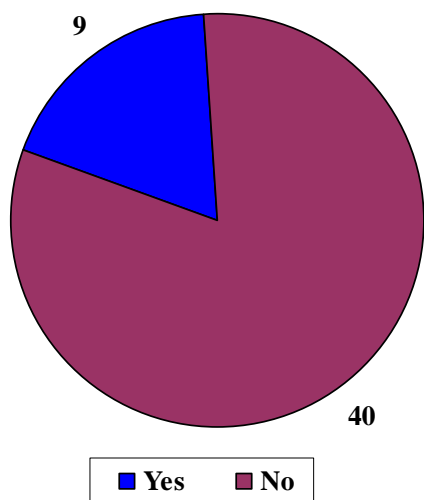


What sources of funding has your state used for pandemic preparedness activities?

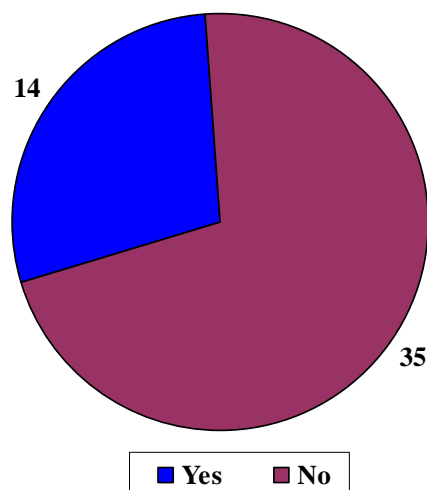


- Of the 49 states that responded to the survey, 46 states (94% of respondents) are conducting pandemic preparedness activities with CDC Preparedness Cooperative Agreement funding. In addition, 42 states (86% of respondents) are using HRSA Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Agreements to conduct pandemic preparedness activities.

Has your state attempted to quantify the *fiscal* resources necessary for an effective statewide response to a flu pandemic?

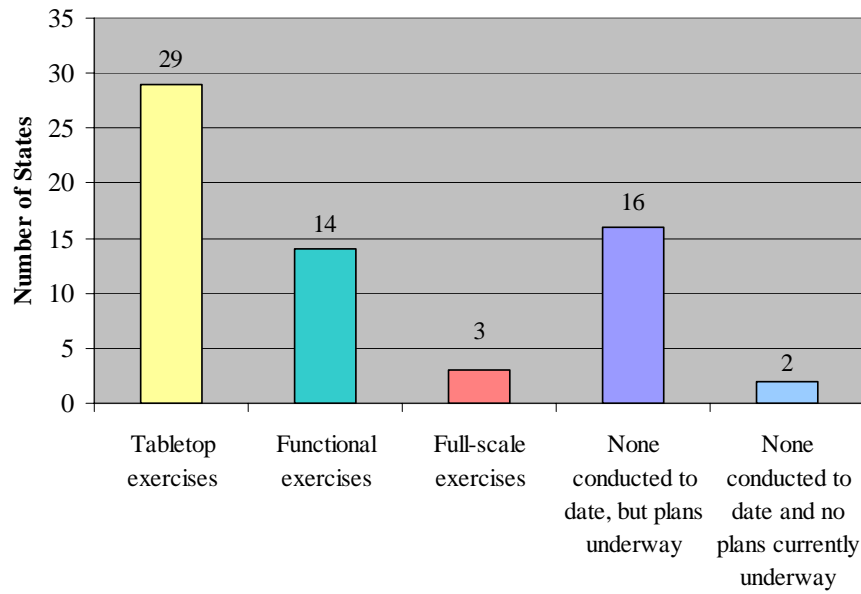


Has your state attempted to quantify the *personnel* resources necessary for an effective statewide response to a flu pandemic?

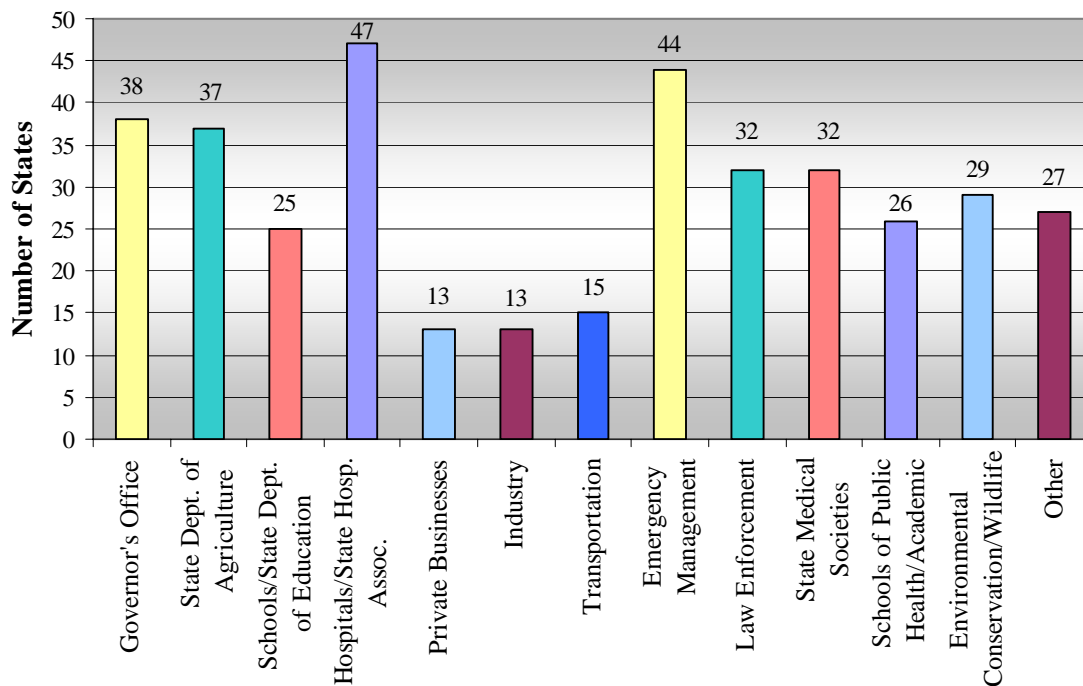


- Nine of the 49 states that responded to these two questions have attempted to quantify fiscal resources needed for pandemic response, whereas 14 of the states have attempted to quantify personnel resources needed for pandemic response. Further investigation is merited to determine what resources states might need to quantify fiscal and personnel requirements, such as further guidance or enhanced models.

Has your state conducted a pandemic influenza exercise(s)?



What partners have you engaged in the pandemic influenza planning process?



- Of the 49 states that responded, 47 states (96% of respondents) had engaged in pandemic planning with hospitals and State Hospital Associations. In addition, 44 states (90% of respondents) had partnered with emergency management in the pandemic planning process. The majority of states had also engaged the Governor's Office (38 states) and the State Department of Agriculture (37 states) in their pandemic influenza planning activities.
- Frequent responses for "other" included local public health agencies (7 respondents), tribal organizations or Indian Health Services (4 respondents), and national guard or military entities (4 respondents).